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**THE POPULAR IMAGE
OF WASHINGTON IS
ONE OF GREEN SPACE
AND WATER**

- Unlike many cities that are known for their skylines, bridges...



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AMOUNT OF PARK SPACE SIMILAR TO MANY U.S. CITIES

6,300 Acres of parks

Acres per 1000 residents:

Cincinnati –	21.4
Minneapolis -	16.0
Seattle -	11.8
Washington DC -	11.7
Philadelphia -	7.5
U.S. Average -	13.4

Source (all except Washington DC):
Inside City Parks, Urban Land Institute, 2000



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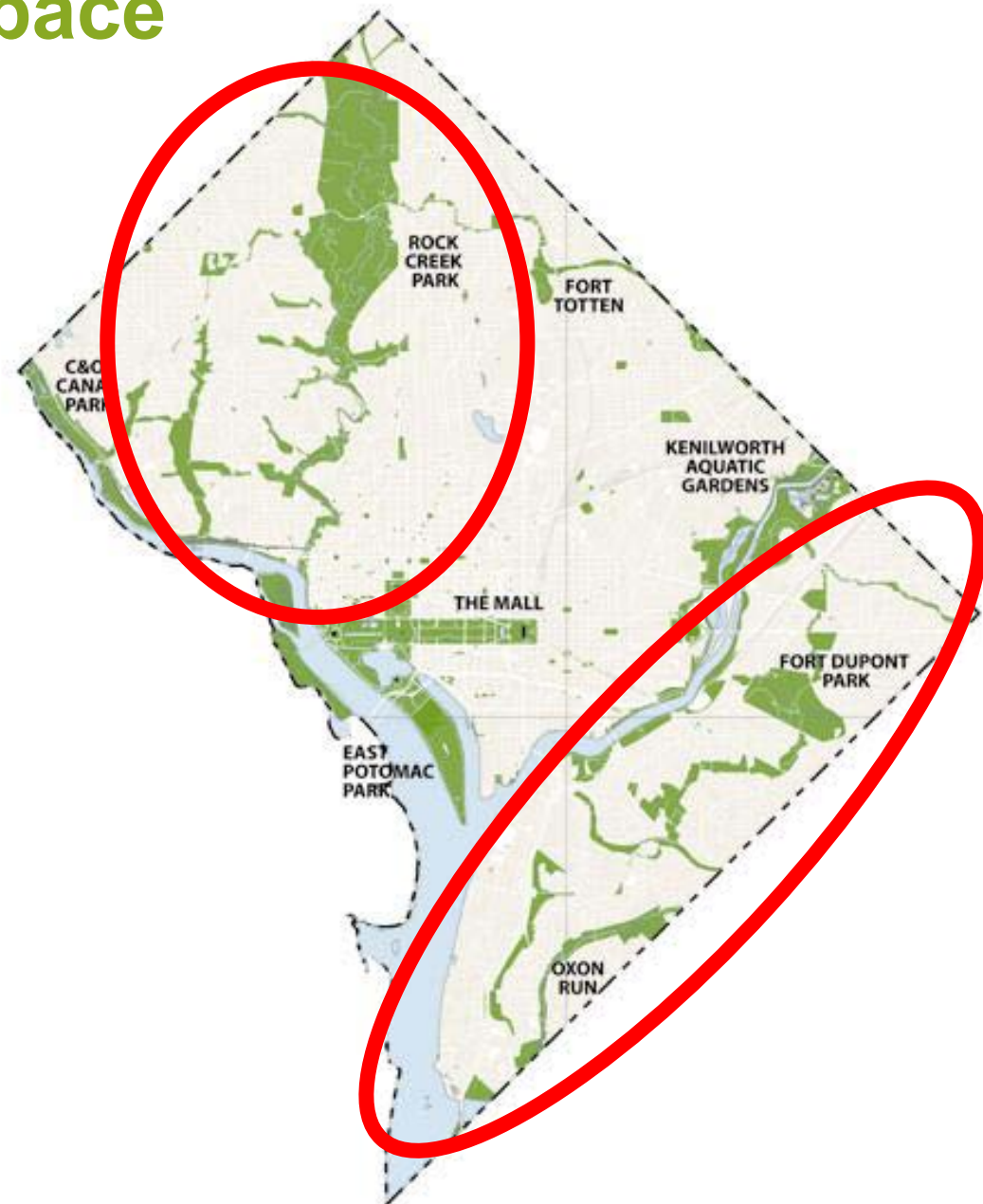
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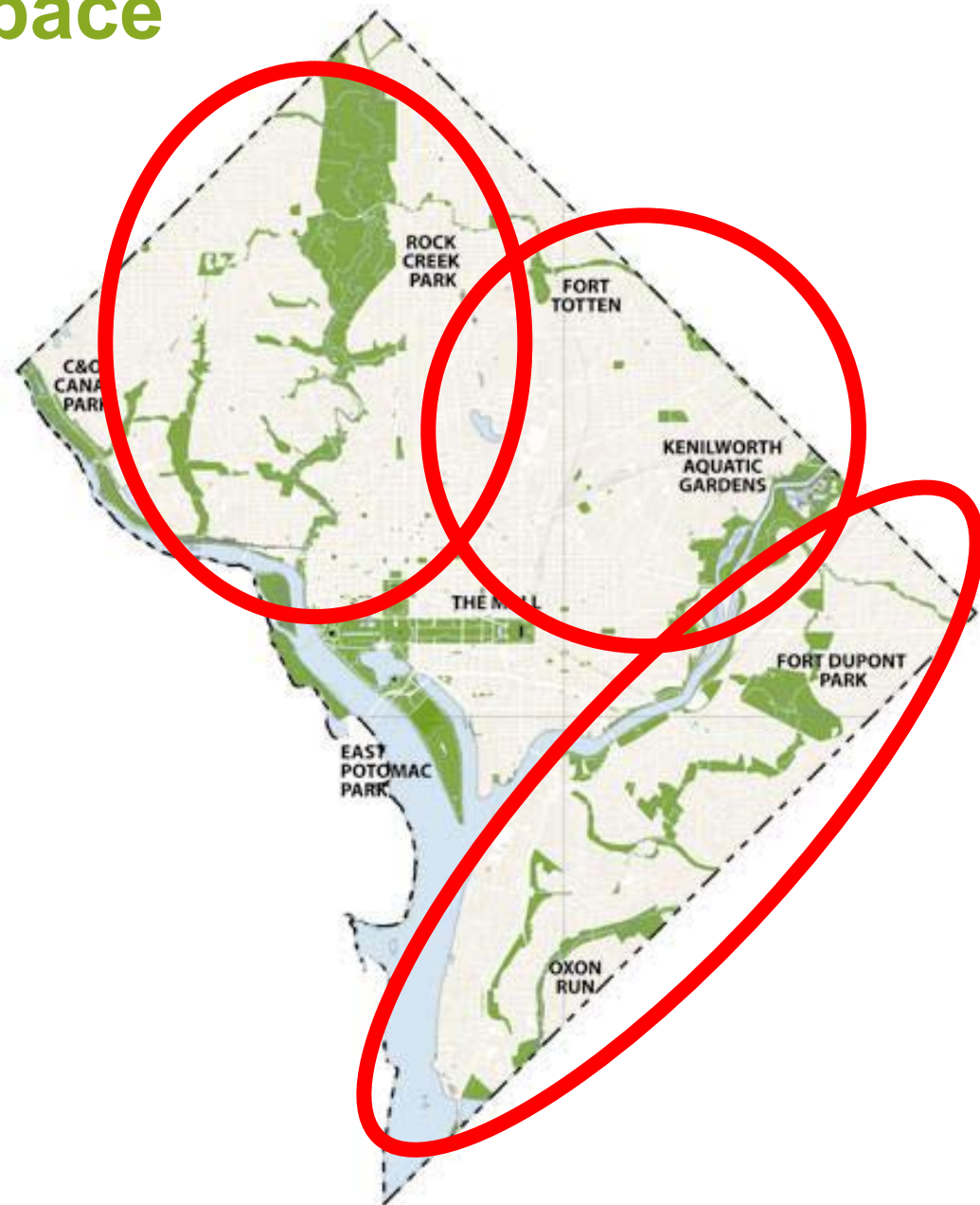
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- Great amount of open space in the Southeast but lack of safety, maintenance & access
- Lack of public open space in the Northeast

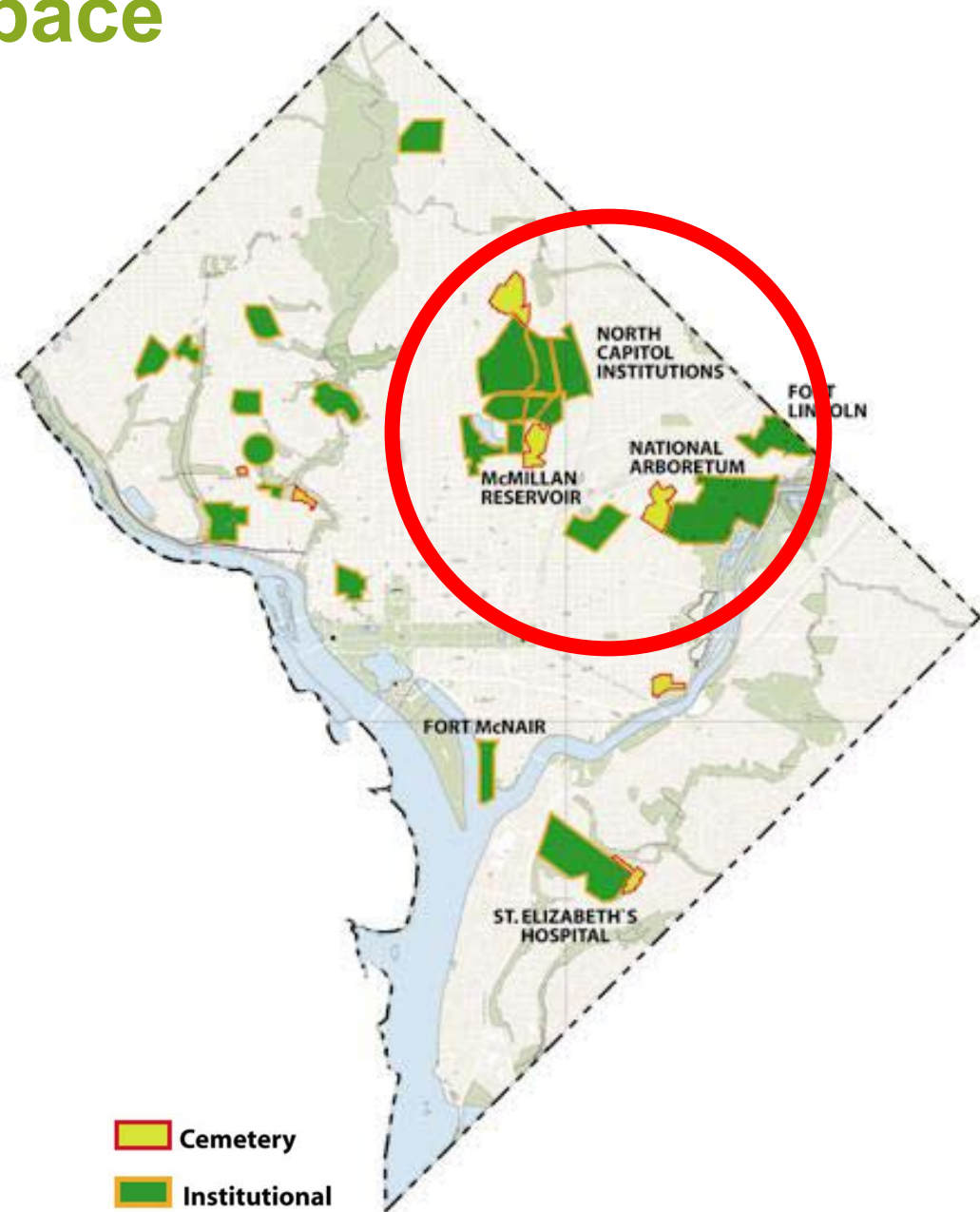


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SIGNIFICANT GREEN RESOURCES ARE PRIVATELY OWNED OR HAVE RESTRICTED PUBLIC ACCESS

- Universities
- Federal Sites
- Public Institutions
- Cemeteries

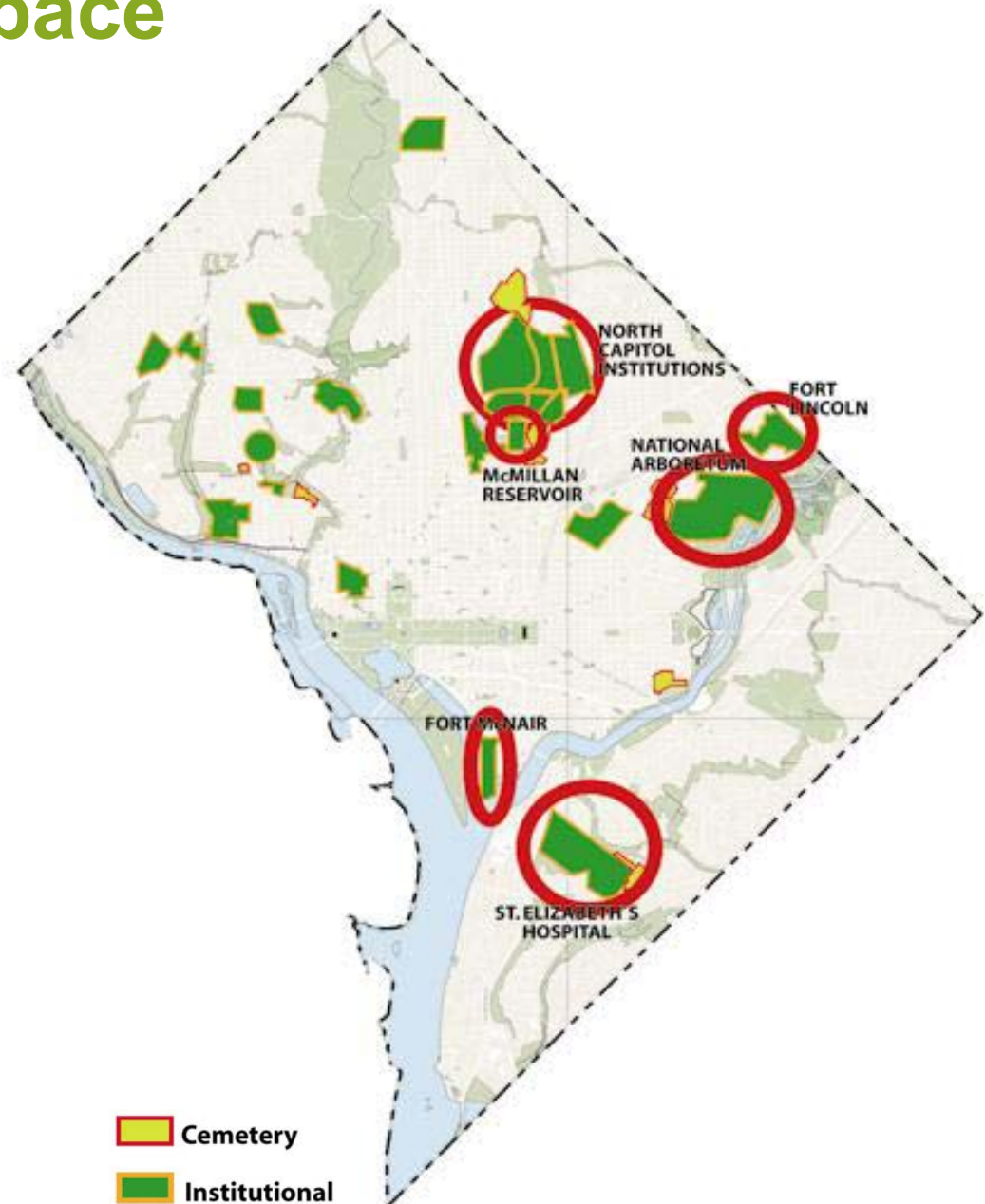
Many of these are in areas which lack public parkland – Northeast



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SOME SITES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR NEW FORMS OF PUBLIC ACCESS

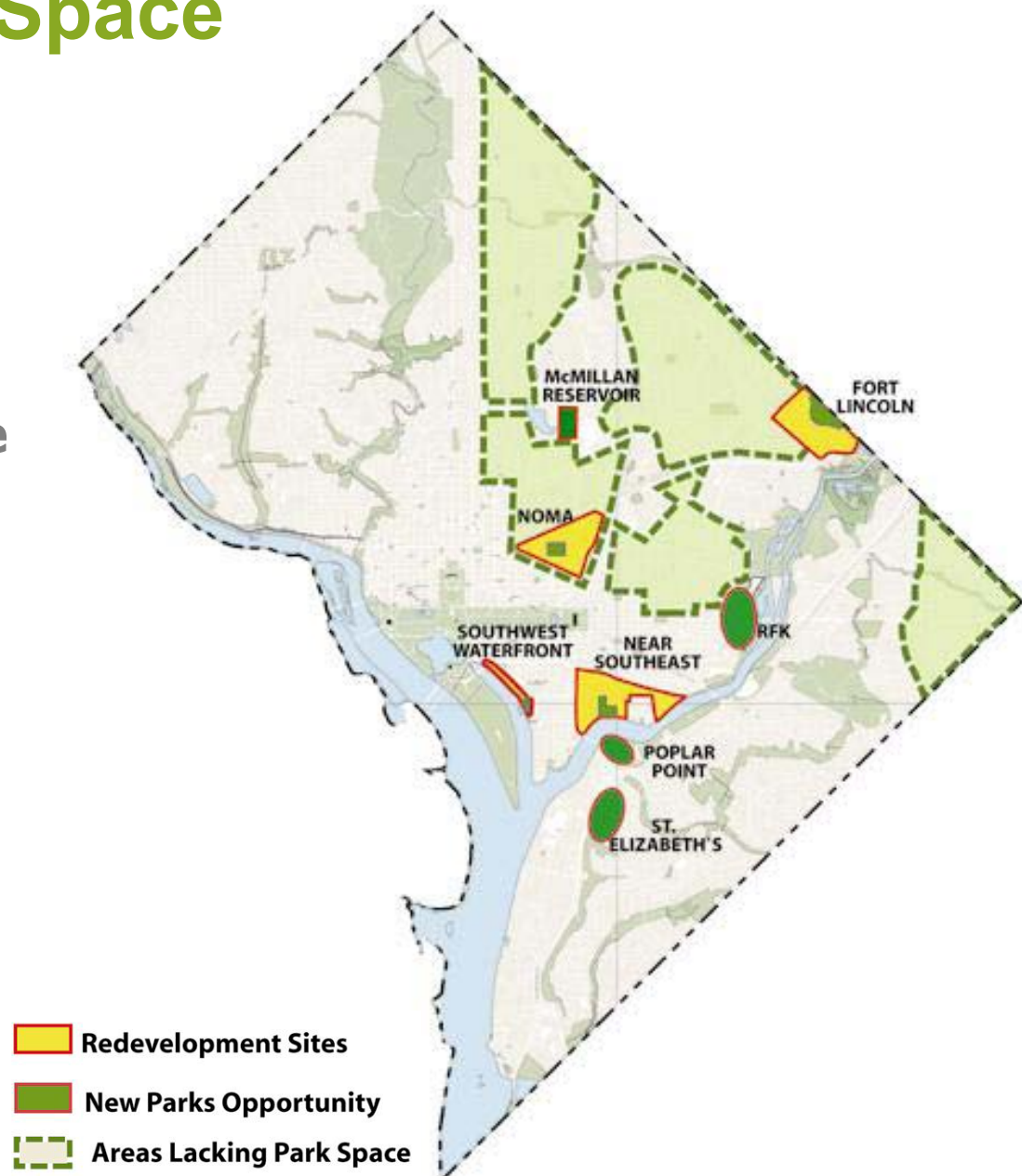
- National Arboretum
- Saint Elizabeth's Hospital
- Fort McNair
- Cluster of Institutions on N. Capitol St.
- McMillan Reservoir



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OPPORTUNITY: CREATE NEW PARKS

- As the anchors to redevelopment of large sites
- In neighborhoods which lack public park space
- At unique sites in the City with special landscapes or views



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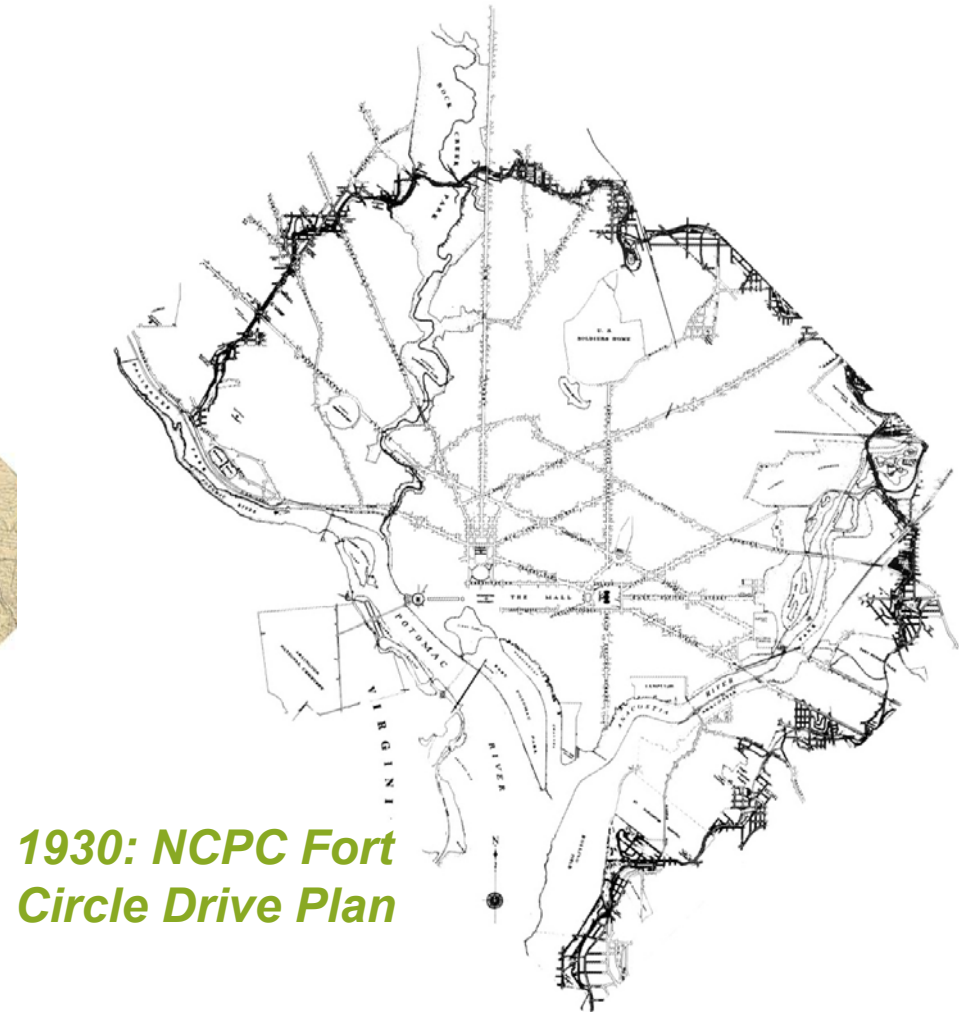
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*A unique public park opportunity: the spectacular
view from Saint Elizabeth's Hospital*



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- A 100-year vision of the Fort Circle as a connected greenway system



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OPPORTUNITY: CREATE INNER AND OUTER GREEN RINGS

- Realize the 100-year vision of the FORT CIRCLE
- Create an INNER LOOP greenway system to connect parks and neighborhoods, including the Anacostia River

